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Dear John:

As I have mentioned to you already, your letter last month after my nomination was announced meant a great deal to me. Of all the debts I owe Bill Casey, one of the biggest has been the opportunity through him to get to know you. Your friendship and respect mean a great deal to me.

I appreciated your taking the time to come to the swearing in ceremony. We are about due for another lunch. Because I have access now to a somewhat better menu than was previously the case, why don't you let me at long last host you? I'll be in touch.

Regards,



Robert M. Gates

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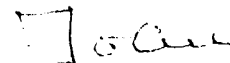
Dear Bob,

I hardly need to tell you how extremely pleased I was to hear the news of your well deserved appointment as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence -- or have it confirmed, it hardly came as an overwhelming surprise.

It is a great satisfaction to feel that Bill and the Agency are to be as well served as I know they will be during your tenure and under your direction. To me personally it has been a great pleasure to watch your rise in influence in the Agency, the government and the world at large. Our association has been an inspiration which I have cherished, valued and enjoyed enormously. May it long continue.

This brings you warm regards, and very best wishes for success in your new important job and all kinds of happiness for you and Becky. For her sake (as well as the nation's) don't forget that a little time off occasionally serves to clear the mind.

Faithfully yours,



John A. Bross

Mr. Robert Gates

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